

Jesus Green Association

Committee meeting of 25 September 2012 at 9 Park Parade: minutes

Present: Peter Constable, Anthony Bowen, George Hill, Jo Morrison, Richard Price

Apologies: Blake Alcott, John Lawton, Martin Thompson

1. Minutes of 6 August were accepted. There were no matters arising not on the agenda.
2. C/ee noted the meeting of Jesus Green Working Group of 20 September; PC and GH attended.
 - a) Rosalind Old representing CUSU made useful contributions.
 - b) An approach for funding to the Big Lottery would not proceed: they were known to be short of capital.
 - c) We would rather refurbish than rebuild the Rouse Ball pavilion, but if refurbishment were not possible, a slight extension of its footprint would be acceptable, provided style, roof profile, tiling and porch were kept and the commemorative plaque revealed; consultation with JGA was expected, and JGA would keep its members informed. The picture should be clarified in January when the ideas thrown up at the meeting on use of Section 106 moneys had been sorted (AB attended that meeting, on 13 September).
 - d) County Council was surveying paths; the plane tree path was likely to be done early. A site meeting was due: JM's plans were to be put to it.
 - e) Work on the pool hedge was said to three quarters done: if so, was it enough? The double memorial tree was to be singled (at last!), and a dead young beech nearby to be removed.
 - f) Evaluation of the play area was due on 3 October; there would be consultation in November (probably the parents of children now using it are a different group from those consulted 3 or 4 years ago!), planning approval was expected in January and construction in the spring.
 - g) Benches were due for refurbishment but replacement of bins was a city-wide project and slower.
 - h) No work at entrances was needed; proposals for the hammerhead were still awaited.
 - i) Drainage proposals were pleasing; the Beer Festival's solution was put for council's consideration; council's costings seemed to be guesswork.
 - j) What edging should the ditch have when it was repaired? The part to be played in cleaning it by Jesus College was noted.
 - k) Signs recommending length of use of the tennis courts were still awaited.
 - l) The flowerbed due beside them would come shortly.
 - m) Grass mowing would start on Midsummer Common and not from Park Parade fence: too early!
 - n) Barbecues had been fewer and less damaging; burnt patches this year were very few. The notices had helped.
 - o) Electricity for the Beer Festival needed work.
 - p) A sundial was proposed by the Rotarians, to be marked by stones set in the grass below the mower blades.
 - q) Two events were known so far, a half-marathon on 10 March and the Beer Festival. For the latter it was important that drainage, the hammerhead and electricity supply were all in place.
3. RP reported an unchanged balance of £226.49.
4. GH was adopted as vice-chairman to replace MT, who has moved away from the area. Very grateful thanks were expressed to MT for his long and generous support of JGA and committee.
5. Wednesday 5 December was proposed for the AGM.
6. Next committee meeting: Monday 29 October, at 23 New Square.

Peter Constable (chairman)